

History of Ina McDonald Orgill

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He then went to New Guinea and then to the Phillipines Islands. He was in the 43rd Engrs. Construction Bn.

Boyd our second son volunteered for the Marines Apr.2, 1943. Boyd left Heber with Howard and Ned Bethers for Salt Lake City, and then Boyd and Howard left for San Diego Calif.

Boyd came home from Boot Camp May 18, and June 3 left Provo to go back to San Diego. He went from there to the Marshal Islands, then to Simpan then to Two Jima Boyd was discharged to come home on Nov.12, 1945.

Merrill and LaRay served during the Korean battle. Merrill was married to Frieda Jones Jan. 4,1951 at Upton, and left for the service Mar 12,1951. One hundred and twenty five boys left for Washington. On Mar. 25 we went to Upton to Frieda's place Merrill phoned from Wash. to talk to us. His voice really sounded good. When Merrill went from Washington to Texas by train we went to Ogden and then to Salt Lake City to see him.

Frieda LaRay and myself went to Texas in June to see Merrill, Frieda stayed with Merrill and LaRay and myself came back on the bus.

LaRay then left for the service Nov.12,1951, He stayed at Ft.Lewis and Camp Roberts then went to Korea July 24, 1951. He was wounded Apr.2,1953. He was discharged from the Army and returned home from Korea July 1,1953.

During the time Merrill was in the service we visited him for Thanksgiving at Ft. Bliss Texas and the next year at Ft. Lewis Washington.

LaRay married Colleen Nicols Nov.10,1953 in the Salt Lake Temple. Betty Jean was married the following May 26, 1954 to Bill Woodall in the S.L.Temple.

I have worked in every organization in the church. I have been a Sunday School Teacher, Sec. of Sunday School. A visiting teacher in Relief Society for thirty years I have worked in Primary as a Teacher, two years in Seagull work and have worked in Different classes as a teacher.

In Relief Society I have been as Councelor twice and Sec. also the magazine agent. I have been the Improvement Era Rep. for several years and also the Sec. for a year. I have belonged to the singing Mothers for years.

My husband has driven the School bus from Daniel to Heber for 20 years. Eight of our ten children have graduated from High School. Merrill has been going to a vocational School to further his education. and Clive has yet to graduate from school.

Eight of our children have graduated from Seminary. We have had many wonderful experiences to strengthen our Testimonies while rearing our family.

Clive's clothing caught fire once when he was riding a motor bike in the summer of '49. He tried to take his clothes off but couldn't get them off over his shoes, when we got to him,he was smothering the fire with his hands. Fern (my second daughter) was here that Sunday and she drove us to the hospital. The Dr. dressed his legs and our fingers. By the time school started Clive was ready to go, but he still wears an awful scar.

On the 11 of Oct. 1950 our granddaughter Becky Orgill was with her grandparents They were crossing the intersection at the old bank corner when she was struck with a car,Dr. Niff Hicken operated on her the following Sunday for ruptured liver She was in the Hospital for one month. They kept the oxygen on her for three weeks, Pres. Cummings, Lenard Giles, and Patriarch Ralph Giles, her father and many others administered to her. Today there is nothing wrong with her.

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